

Weekly Wrap-Up

Promoting Missouri to the Film Industry

Week of March 15 - 21, 2003

MISSOURI NEWS

Do you have an Oscar party to go to? It's not too late! The Kansas City Variety Club is hosting Oscar Night America at the Midland Theatre. Tickets are \$50 to benefit the Children's Charity of Greater Kansas City. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information call 816-220-2068 or visit www.kcvarietyclub.org. Cinema St. Louis is hosting their city's Oscar Night America party at the Pageant Nightclub. Tickets are \$5 for general admission or \$75 for balcony seating and a cocktail party. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For tickets call Cinema St. Louis at 314-454-0042 ext. 10.

This week, the production team from *Killer Diller* was in mid-Missouri scouting locations and interviewing crew for their upcoming

feature. They hope to use locations in Fayette, Boonville and Columbia. The production office is tentatively scheduled to open April 14. Lensing is scheduled to begin mid-May. We'll give you more details when an official date is set. Stay tuned!

The KC Filmmakers Jubilee is promoting an exclusive screening of the international documentary *A Closer Walk*, a film about the harsh realities of AIDS, narrated by Glenn Close and Will Smith on March 31. Tickets are complementary but reservations are required. Kansas City is prominently featured in the film. Starting at 6:30 at the Union Station Extreme Screen Theater, the film will be followed by a reception with producer/director Robert Bilheimer in attendance. To reserve tickets, call 816-960-4636 by March 25th.

INDUSTRY NEWS

New Mexico plans to give the royal treatment to filmmakers looking for locations by providing free food, lodging and rental cars, state Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans said. Under the "Be Our Guest" program coordinated by the state Film Office, qualifying production teams would be issued cards for free services in participating hotels and restaurants. Homans said the services are expected to add up to about \$100,000 for the first year, but that no tax money will be used. The state restaurant and lodgers associations are among the participants. Homans said that between July 2001 and June 2002, movie producers spent about \$9 million in New Mexico. From July 2002 through February 2003, they spent about \$37 million.

Call for Entries - Media Communications Association-International (MCA-I) invites media communications professionals to enter the highly acclaimed "Awards in Media Excellence" (AiME) competition. Entries are evaluated on effective use of the medium, creativity, production values and technical quality in message design, creative elements and production elements. A complete entry form and entry fee must accompany each entry and must be postmarked by April 15. Fees are \$60 per entry for national MCA-I members and \$75 per entry for non-members. Program entries must be submitted on VHS tape, CD-ROM or DVD and will not be returned. Visit www.mca-i.org for more details.



April 1-6 *Kansas City Filmmakers Jubilee*

April 1-6 *Kindred Int'l Film Festival, Columbia, MO*

April 11-13 *AFCI Locations Expo, Santa Monica, CA*



SCOUTING

We are currently in search of the following location for a project. E-mail your suggestions to: mofilm@ded.state.mo.us.

- 1800s downtown main street (i.e. house, barn, general store, mill, etc) with no modern landmarks visible

WEEKLY WEB REPORT

MFC Website hits: 812

Production guide hits: 97

for week of Feb. 9 - 15

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTIVITY REPORT

Production Guide Requests

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Scouting/Info Requests

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The Missouri Film Commission was created in 1983 and is attached to the Business Expansion and Attraction Group within the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

